869. The Revenue and Expenditure of the Department during the year were Rs. 3,39,485 and Rs. 13,34,370 respectively.

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The Weights and Measures Act.

Administration of Special Acts.

870. Consequent on the Re-organisation of the State from 1st November 1956, the following Weights and Measures Act in force in different integrated areas came under the control of the Department.

(1) The Bombay Weights and Measures Act, 1932.

(2) The Hyderabad Weights and Measures Act, 1936 F.

871. The number of weights and measures sold and tested, the amount of testing fee collected, number of cases launched, etc., were as follows:—

Particulars	During	
	1956-57	1955-56
1 Units of weights and measures presented for testing.	1,22,819	82,520
2 Units of weights and measures certified for correctness.	1,07,801	81,374
3 Testing fee collected ...	Rs. 16,451·31	Rs. 12,466·81
4 Units of weights and measures sold ...	26,731	18,754
5 Value of weights and measures sold ...	Rs. 47,920·58	Rs. 34,357·65
6 Number of cases launched under Weights and Measures Act.	175	145
7 Number of cases ended in conviction ...	143	124
8 Amount of fine realised ...	Rs. 3,516	Rs. 3,841

872. In the integrated areas of Belgaum and Gulbarga Divisions, the fees realised under the Bombay Weights and Measures Act and Hyderabad Weights and Measures Act, respectively from 1st November 1956 to 31st March 1957 amounted to Rs. 44,980-50 and Rs. 6,320-47.

The Agricultural Produce Markets Act.

873. There were 49 Regulated Markets (including 36 Regulated Markets of the integrated areas) and 47 Sub-Markets in the New Mysore State during the year.

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874. The following Market Acts were in force in the integrated areas of the State :—

(1) The Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939.

(2) The Hyderabad Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939 F.

(3) The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933.

(4) The Coorg Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1956.

875. The question of evolving a uniform Market legislation for the New State was under active consideration of the Department.

876. The financial aid by way of loans given by Government to 11 Regulated Markets in the State during the year for the purpose of undertaking developmental works such as acquisition of sites, construction of auction sheds, market yards, office buildings, etc., amounted to Rs. 3,90,000.

The Agricultural Produce Grading and Marketing Act.

Eggs.

877. The compulsory grading of eggs was continued at different Egg Grading Stations as follows :—

	Stations	Year	No. of Eggs Graded	Value	Grading fee collected
				Rs.	Rs.
1	Government Egg Grading Station, Mysore.	1955-56	(a) Hen Eggs ... 5,64,672	58,971-31	1,146-81
			(b) Duck Eggs. 59,867	5,528-75	136-31
		1956-57	(a) Hen Eggs ... 4,88,933	58,311-68	978-44
			(b) Duck Eggs. 32,911	3,438-86	71-06
	Government Composite Live-Stock Farm and Research Station, Hessarghatta.	1955-56	Hen Eggs ... 58,889	9,389-50	...
		1956-57	Do ... 52,286	6,638-12	...
3	The Coorg Orange Growers' Co-operative Society, in their stalls at the City Market, Bangalore and Mysore.	1955-56	Hen Eggs ... 47,562	5,907-69	...
		1956-57	Do ... 54,252	7,144-31	...

878. The grading of oranges by the Coorg Orange Growers' Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore was continued during the year.

879. The grading of Flue Cured Virginia Cigarette Tobacco as per the 'Agmark' specifications was continued by the Mysore Tobacco Co., Ltd., Bangalore, at their grading station situated at White Field and 56,750 lbs. of Tobacco valued at Rs. 30,148-44 was graded during the year. Tobacco.

880. Information on the following was collected and furnished to the Agricultural Marketing Advisor to the Government of India, New Delhi :—

(1) Marketing of pulses, and cotton, (ii) Marketable surplus of Jowar and Rice in the State (iii) Production, imports, exports, price, etc., of Betel leaves (iv) *Ad-hoc* survey on the marketing of important agricultural commodities and Sisal in the State.

881. Information relating to the production and arrivals of fruits and vegetables in Bangalore District was collected and forwarded to the Marketing Development Officer (Fruits Products) Government of India, Madras.

882. A scheme for the supply of pure and wholesome Milk at Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 12 lakhs was drawn up on the lines suggested by the Deputy Dairy Development Advisor to the Government of India.

883. Information relating to production of Lemon Grass Oil and cultivation of Lemon Grass in the State was collected and sent to the Deputy Senior Marketing Development Officer, Essential Oil Grading Scheme, Cochin.

884. The publication of the daily market rates of Bangalore Market in the local newspapers was continued. The Bangalore Market rates were also sent to the All India Radio, Bangalore for broadcasting. Market News Service.

885. The weekly market rates of copra and coconuts as prevailed at Tiptur and Arsikere were sent to the Secretary, Indian Central Coconut Commitiee, Ernakulam, for publication in the "Indian Coconut Journal".

886. The weekly market reviews on the trend in the arrivals and prices of agricultural commodities as prevailed at the several Regulated Markets in Mysore State were sent to the All India Radio, Bangalore for broadcasting in their "Rural Programme".

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887. The fortnightly wholesale and retail prices of several important agricultural commodities and live-stock products as prevailed at the several District Headquarters in Mysore State were published in the *Mysore Gazette*.

Warehousing Activities.

888. The Government of India enacted the Agricultural Produce (Co-operative Development and Warehousing) Corporation Act, 1956, during the year and set up the Central Warehousing Corporation under the said Act for establishing Warehouses at important trade centres in India.

889. The Marketing Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition and in the Agricultural Seminar Exhibition conducted by the Mysore Agricultural and Experimental Union during the year as in the previous years.